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In re Application of:

EISENBEISS et al.

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Title: MINIATURIZED ANALYTICAL SYSTEM WITH A DEVICE FOR WITHDRAWING SUBSTANCES

REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated May 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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